

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the foregoing claims 1-5, 7 and 12-14 have been amended. Claims 1-16 are pending and under consideration. Claims 2, 5, 7, 11, 14 and 16 are objected to.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

The rejections are overcome by the present amendments

OBJECTION TO THE DRAWINGS

The objection is respectfully traversed, since the "rubber plate" at issue is simply another type of elastic member, similar to the pressing spring 151b which is already illustrated. One of ordinary skill in the art would be able to understand the placement of the rubber plate based on the illustration of the pressing spring.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Embry (U.S. Patent No. 5,868,385).

Claim 1, as amended herein, recites a bi-directional motor. In contrast, the motor 21 of Embry is not bi-directional. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Claims 8,9, and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hsieh (U.S. Patent No.: 6,352,256).

Independent claim 8 recites the link housing is prevented from pivoting. In contrast, Hsieh teaches movement of the pick arm 34 in both directions of the motor 52. Specifically, column 3, lines 15-18 state that the rotation 104 of the pick shaft 32 causes the pick pivot 35 to swing down. The rotation 106 in the second driving direction 105 turns the pick pivot 35 away from the media tray. Hsieh, col. 3, ln. 38-40.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 6 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Embry (Patent No. 5,868,385) in view of Hsieh (Patent No. 6,352,256).

The comments above also apply here. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

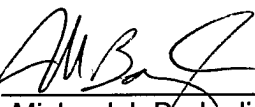
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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